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Title: POLICIES ON A PER INSTANCE BASIS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Independent Claims	1	6	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)					\$790.00
Fee for extension of time					\$120.00
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20050912), the shortened statutory period for which ran until December 20, 2005, and the Advisory Action mailed December 21, 2005, the period for reply for which ran until December 21, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time based on the December 21, 2005 expiration of the time period for replying to the Advisory Action.

Please reconsider the subject application based on the remarks presented below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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